

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The A lens sheet according to claim 1,~~
wherein the for diffusing light that enters the lens sheet from a
rear side and allowing the diffused light to emerge from the lens
sheet toward a viewing side, comprising:

a sheet-shaped substrate part;

a lens part formed on a light-incident-side surface of the
sheet-shaped substrate part; and

an extraneous-light absorbing part formed on a portion of the
light-emergent-side surface of the sheet-shaped substrate part
through which light converged by the lens part does not pass;

wherein

(1) the extraneous-light absorbing part includes a base
material, and a plurality of light-diffusing particles subjected to
coloring treatment, incorporated in the base material, and

(2) light-diffusing particles are made by dispersing a
coloring agent in a base material for the light-diffusing

particles; and a content of the coloring agent in each light-diffusing particle is from 1.5 to 55% by weight.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The A lens sheet according to claim 1,~~
wherein for diffusing light that enters the lens sheet from a rear
side and allowing the diffused light to emerge from the lens sheet
toward a viewing side, comprising:

a sheet-shaped substrate part;

a lens part formed on a light-incident-side surface of the
sheet-shaped substrate part; and

an extraneous-light absorbing part formed on a portion of the
light-emergent-side surface of the sheet-shaped substrate part
through which light converged by the lens part does not pass;

wherein

(1) the extraneous-light absorbing part includes a base
material, and a plurality of light-diffusing particles subjected to
coloring treatment, incorporated in the base material, and

(2) a content of the light-diffusing particles in the
extraneous-light absorbing part is from 0.1 to 27.5% by weight.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The A lens sheet according to claim 1,~~
wherein for diffusing light that enters the lens sheet from a rear
side and allowing the diffused light to emerge from the lens sheet
toward a viewing side, comprising:

a sheet-shaped substrate part;

a lens part formed on a light-incident-side surface of the
sheet-shaped substrate part; and

an extraneous-light absorbing part formed on a portion of the
light-emergent-side surface of the sheet-shaped substrate part
through which light converged by the lens part does not pass;

wherein

(1) the extraneous-light absorbing part includes a base
material, and a plurality of light-diffusing particles subjected to
coloring treatment, incorporated in the base material, and

(2) the base material for the extraneous-light absorbing part
has a refractive index nearly equal to that of the light-diffusing
particles.

5. (Currently Amended) The lens sheet according to claim 12, wherein the light-diffusing particles protrude partly through a surface of the base material for the extraneous-light absorbing part.

6. (Original) The lens sheet according to claim 5, wherein the light-diffusing particles have particle diameters 1.25 to 15 times a thickness of the base material for the extraneous-light absorbing part.

7. (Original) The lens sheet according to claim 5, wherein the light-diffusing particles have particle diameters 2 to 55 μm greater than a thickness of the base material for the extraneous-light absorbing part.

8. (Original) The lens sheet according to claim 5, further comprising an optical sheet placed on the viewing side of the light-emergent-side surface of the sheet-shaped substrate part;

wherein the light-diffusing particles in the extraneous-light absorbing part have a surface hardness that is lower than that of a

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surface of the optical sheet that faces the light-emergent-side surface of the sheet-shaped substrate part.

9. (Currently Amended) The lens sheet according to claim 12, wherein the extraneous-light absorbing part is electrically conductive.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ lens sheet according to claim 9, ~~further comprising~~ for diffusing light that enters the lens sheet from a rear side and allowing the diffused light to emerge from the lens sheet toward a viewing side, comprising:

a sheet-shaped substrate part;

a lens part formed on a light-incident-side surface of the sheet-shaped substrate part;

an electrically conductive extraneous-light absorbing part formed on a portion of the light-emergent-side surface of the sheet-shaped substrate part through which light converged by the lens part does not pass; and

an electrically conductive layer that ~~impart~~ imparts electrical conductivity to the extraneous-light absorbing part,

wherein the extraneous-light absorbing part includes a base material, and a plurality of light-diffusing particles subjected to coloring treatment, incorporated in the base material.

11. (Original) The lens sheet according to claim 10, wherein the electrically conductive layer is formed on a surface of the extraneous-light absorbing part, which surface is placed on a side close to the sheet-shaped substrate part.

12. (Currently Amended) The lens sheet according to claim ~~12~~, further comprising a surface layer formed on a surface of the extraneous-light absorbing part, which surface is placed on a side distant from the sheet-shaped substrate part.

13. (Currently Amended) The lens sheet according to claim ~~12~~, wherein the surface layer is subjected to coloring treatment.

14. (Currently Amended) A rear projection screen comprising a lens sheet as set forth in claim ~~12~~.

15. (New) A lens sheet for diffusing light that enters the lens sheet from a rear side and allowing the diffused light to emerge from the lens sheet toward a viewing side, comprising:

a sheet-shaped substrate part;

a lens part formed on a light-incident-side surface of the sheet-shaped substrate part; and

an extraneous-light absorbing part formed on a portion of the light-emergent-side surface of the sheet-shaped substrate part through which light converged by the lens part does not pass;

wherein (1) the extraneous-light absorbing part includes a base material, and a plurality of light-diffusing particles subjected to coloring treatment, incorporated in the base material,

(2) the light-diffusing particles protrude partly through a surface of the base material for the extraneous-light absorbing part, and

(3) the light-diffusing particles have particle diameters 1.25 to 15 times a thickness of the base material for the extraneous-light absorbing part.

16. (New) A lens sheet for diffusing light that enters the lens sheet from a rear side and allowing the diffused light to emerge from the lens sheet toward a viewing side, comprising:

a sheet-shaped substrate part;

a lens part formed on a light-incident-side surface of the sheet-shaped substrate part; and

an extraneous-light absorbing part formed on a portion of the light-emergent-side surface of the sheet-shaped substrate part through which light converged by the lens part does not pass;

wherein (1) the extraneous-light absorbing part includes a base material, and a plurality of light-diffusing particles subjected to coloring treatment, incorporated in the base material,

(2) the light-diffusing particles protrude partly through a surface of the base material for the extraneous-light absorbing part, and

(3) the light-diffusing particles have particle diameters 2 to 55 μm greater than a thickness of the base material for the extraneous-light absorbing part.

17. (New) A lens sheet for diffusing light that enters the lens sheet from a rear side and allowing the diffused light to emerge from the lens sheet toward a viewing side, comprising:

a sheet-shaped substrate part;

a lens part formed on a light-incident-side surface of the sheet-shaped substrate part;

an optical sheet placed on the viewing side of the light-emergent-side surface of the sheet-shaped substrate part; and

an extraneous-light absorbing part formed on a portion of the light-emergent-side surface of the sheet-shaped substrate part through which light converged by the lens part does not pass;

wherein (1) the extraneous-light absorbing part includes a base material, and a plurality of light-diffusing particles subjected to coloring treatment, incorporated in the base material,

(2) the light-diffusing particles protrude partly through a surface of the base material for the extraneous-light absorbing part, and

(3) the light-diffusing particles in the extraneous-light absorbing part have a surface hardness that is lower than that of a

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surface of the optical sheet that faces the light-emergent-side
surface of the sheet-shaped substrate part.